

128 Kbps in schools while University Grants Commission (UGC) is providing assistance to colleges for purchase of computers and also internet connection.

Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University

2936. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University as a fitting tribute during his birth centenary year;

(b) if so, whether any committee is being constituted to look into the matter and control the financial aspects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) On the recommendation of National Implementation Committee for Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence, 1857 and other related events, the Government has taken a decision, in principle, for establishment of Bhagat Singh Chair at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Out of school children

2937. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 40 per cent of children in the age group of 6-14 are out of schools despite utilization of 86 percent fund of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been diversion of SSA funds as well as financial irregularities in many States;